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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As a State Senator representing Oregon's Central Coast, I am keenly sensitive to the needs of emergency responders. Many rural and natural areas of my District have limited cellular service, and those areas within service lack the network coverage you are more likely to find in an urban area. Yet just like urban residents, the District's residents deserve effective emergency 9-11 response service – just as do the tens of thousands of tourists attracted to the District by our natural wonders and recreational opportunities.

As member of the Oregon Legislature's Joint Public Safety Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee, I work with regularly with law enforcement and first responders. And I am committed to giving them the tools and resources they need to succeed in their jobs. That is why I write with concern about the location accuracy provided to emergency dispatchers by calls made from a cellular phone. It is simply unacceptable that a large percentage of such calls made from within a building or structure cannot provide an accurate location of the caller to emergency personnel.

I appreciate the work the FCC has done to address this problem. But it is with real concern I read that an alternate plan being pushed by some wireless companies would set lower benchmarks for progress, as well as introducing less effective technologies at a slower pace. In comparison with the FCC proposal, this alternate plan will continue to place lives at risk and delay service for constituents in my District and other Americans in need of assistance in an emergency situation.

Please pursue the original FCC proposal that will provide the information 9-1-1 dispatchers need most to do their job effectively. Oregonians and American citizens deserve reliable emergency services and I ask that you do what you can to make this a reality.

Respectfully,

Arnie Roblan  
State Senator, District 5

